

I would like to add my voice to the above subject.

I have lived on a water access only property for a total of 3 years thus far. We plan to be here for many more.

This is a lifestyle choice for me and my wife and one that we enjoy. We are not asking for preferential treatment to make our life easier.

However we would DEMAND equal treatment to any other tax paying Australians. There are times when there is no parking available on the mainland for our cars, but the council has not deemed it necessary to make the parking places metered with residents exempt as it has in many suburbs especially beachfront or popular weekend places.

The council recently redeveloped the parking area where we leave our cars and made it more difficult for us to carry our groceries to our boat. The only way to our boats is now flooded and muddy whenever it rains. There was no thought given to our daily lives and the lives of other river residents.

We still pay rates that include storm water drainage fees!!

But the most iniquitous of all government interventions into our lives is the complexity over access to our land.

No mainland citizen no matter where they choose to live has to pay a fee to get onto their land from crown land.

They do not have to pay a fee to park their car. They do not pay a licence to use their driveway.

It should be council's responsibility when they approve residential development applications to ensure unfettered access to that land from crown land.

It is a simple shameful government money grab from residents who can ill afford it and it is unprecedented.

No group of people will stand by and do nothing while they are being discriminated against by their elected representatives.

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